GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Import of Onions
Shetti Shri Raju alias Devappa Anna

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has been importing onions through the State Trading Corporations and the Public Enterprises Companies over a period of time; and

(b) if so, the State-wise details of the total amount spent on such imports during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. During the last three years, the Government imported a quantity of 1987.38 MT of onions through MMTC, a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, during 2015-16 under the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF), at a total import cost ex-godownof Rs.11,44,87,035.66. In view of its perishable nature and absence of firm requirement from state governments/other state agencies, the imported onions were disposed off by MMTC through auction.

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